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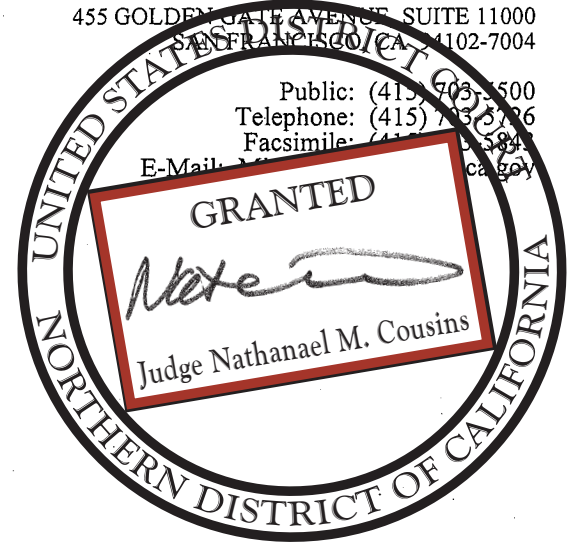


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The Honorable Nathanael Cousins, Magistrate Judge  
United States District Court, Northern District  
280 South 1st Street  
San Jose, CA 95113



RE: Gooden v. Baptista, et al.  
United States District Court, Northern District of California, Case No. C 13-0352 LHK  
(PR)

Dear Judge Cousins:

I have been informed that the videoconference equipment at Pelican Bay State Prison is compatible with this Court's videoconference equipment. Therefore, Defendants respectfully request that Defendants Charles Mart and Will Baptista be excused from personally attending the February 5 settlement conference. They will be available by videoconference during the entirety of the conference.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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